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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Weekly Intelligence Briefing for Congressman Rhodes

On Monday, 28 April, Mr. Cary and I briefed Congressman Rhodes on developments in Vietnam; Portuguese elections; the lengthened D-class submarine; and some items of concern to the Agency on the Hill.

On Vietnam we told Mr. Rhodes the situation was hopeless and that the Communists could enter the city at any time. He asked to be kept informed on late-breaking developments and on any emergency evacuation of American citizens. I subsequently phoned the Congressman at home to inform him when the evacuation began and again early this morning with the latest details provided by the Operations Center. We have been in touch several times during the day on the subject.

In discussing the Portuguese elections we pointed out that while Socialists and center-right parties had registered an impressive victory at the polls, it would have no bearing on how the armed forces governed the country beyond, perhaps, dictating a small amount of caution in how fast the Movement shifted left.

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We did not ask Mr. Rhodes for any specific action, although he is most sympathetic to the Agency and probably would be willing to assist where he could. He has expressed his appreciation for the briefings and the personal contact over the past twenty-four hours.

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